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SUBJ: CCD: INFORMAL MEETINGS OF CCD ON CCD PROCEDURES, MARCH 2, 1977

1. SUMMARY: SECOND INFORMAL MEETING ON CCD PROCEDURES FOCUSED ON QUESTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND ESTABLISHMENT
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OF STANDING NEGOTIATING BODY. WITH EXCEPTION OF BRIEF INTERVENTION BY ITALIAN REP, ONLY NON-ALIGNED SPOKE. SPLIT IN GROUP OF FIFTEEN ON APPROACH TO PROCEDURAL ISSUES SEEMS TO BE DEVELOPING BETWEEN MEXICO AND INDIA. MAJOR EFFORTO TO ABOLISH CO-CHAIRMANSHIP APPARENTLY IS POSTPONED BY FACTUAL SITUATION UNTIL SUMMER SESSION. MAIN PRO-CEDURAL OBJECTIVES OF MOST NON-ALIGNED AT SPRING SESSION ARE

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OSTENSIBLY ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDING BODY WITH NEGOTIATING MANDATE,
AND FORMALLY ADOPTING ON A PERMANENT BASIS THE MORE
EXPANSIVE COMMUNIQUE FORMAT NOW IN USE AND THE PREPARATION
OF THE CCD REPORT BY THE SECRETARIAT. END SUMMARY.

2. WITH ALTERNATE NIGERIAN REP (FALASE) IN THE CHAIR,
THE SECOND INFORMAL MEETING ON CCD PROCEDURES WAS HELD
ON MARCH 2.IYUGOSLAVE REP (MIHAJLOVIC) OPENED DISCUSSION
WITH A GENERAL STATEMENT CALLING ON THE CCD TO MAKE ITS
PROCEDURES MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE "NEW REALITIES". HE
SUPPORTED THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP
ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW), AND THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO
ABOLISH THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP AND ESTABLISH A STANDING
SUB-COMMITTEE FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO INDICATED SUPPORT
FOR SOME OF THE BRITISH IDEAS ON PROVIDING MORE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR NON-MEMBERS TO HAVE ACCESS TO AND PARTICIPATE IN CCD
WORK. YUGOSLAV REP STATED THAT PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN
TO SETTING UP STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE FOR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. MEXICAN REP (GARCIA ROBLES) INDICATED SOME PRACTICAL
DIFFICULTIES WITH BRITISH PROPOSAL, BUT SUGGESTED THAT
ACCESS BY NON-MEMBERS COULD BE IMPROVED BY HOLDING PLENARIES
IN PUBLIC SESSION (WHICH MEXICO HAS BEEN PROPOSING SINCE
1969). HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT STANDING SUB-COMMITTEE
MIGHT KEEP NON-MEMBERS INFORMED OF ITS WORK AND INVITE
THOSE WHO MADE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PRESENT VIEWS DURING
NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

4. BURMESE REP (TUN) AGREED THAT PLENARIES SHOULD BE
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OPENED, AT LEAST TONON-MEMBERS, AND SUGGESTED THAT DRAFT
TEXTS BE CIRCULATED TO NON-MEMBERS SO THAT STANDING
SUB-COMMITTEEE COULD TAKE VIEWS OF NON-MEMBERS INTO
CONSIDERATION DURING NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAW POTENTIAL
PROBLEM WITH DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF THOSE MOST INTERESTED
AS SUGGESTED BY MEXICO. BURMESE REP ALSO PROPOSED THAT
CCD MEMBERS EXPAND PRACTICE OF BRIEFING NON-MEMBERS ON
CCD WORK IN VARIOUS CAUCUSES.

5. SWEDISH REP (HAMILTON) AGREED WITH PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH
A PERMANENT SUB-COMMITTEE OR WORKING GROUP, AND CALLED ON
CCD TO MAKE SECRETARIAT PRODCUTION OF CCD REPORT PERMANENT
ARRANGEMENT. WHILE SUPPORTING TERMINATION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP,
HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO HURRY AND THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY
TO TAKE ACTION "THIS WEEK". SWEDISH REP ALSO PROPOSED THAT
CCD VERBATIM RECORDS BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE UN AS SOON AS
THEY ARE AVAILABLE RATHER THAN HOLDING THEM FOR DISTRIBUTION
WITH CCD REPORT.

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6. INDIAN REP (JAIN) PROVIDED EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF FOUR
MAIN PROCEDURAL ISSUES:

A. ASSOCIATION OF STATES WHO ARE NOT CCD MEMBERS.

B. OPENING CCD MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

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C. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT NEGOTIATING BODY
OR AD HOC WORKING GROUPS.

D. CO-CHAIRMANSHIP.

7. MEXICAN REP CHARACTERIZED INDIAN ANALYSIS, WHICH POINTED OUT FLOWS IN SEVERAL MEXICAN PROPOSALS, AS "PROFESSORIAL" AND USEFUL FOR A "FIRST YEAR STUDENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE." HE INDICATED THAT QUESTION OF CO-CHAIRMANSHIP COULD WAIT UNTIL SUMMER SESSION. MEXICAN REP SAID THAT CCD SHOULD TAKE ACTION ON FOLLOWING PROCEDURAL ISSUES AT THIS TIME:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH NEGOTIATING MANDATE.

B. MAKE PERMANENT THE PRACTICE OF SECRETARIAT PREPARING CCD REPORT.

C. MAKE PERMANENT MORE EXPANSIVE COMMUNIQUE FORMAT NOW IN USE.

D. CIRCULATE CCD VERBATIMS AT THE UN AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

8. INDIAN REP AND MEXICAN REP EXCHANGED REBUTTALS.

9. ITALIAN REP INDICATED: A) SUPPORT FOR UK PROPOSAL ON IMPROVING ACCESS OF NON-MEMBERS TO CCD WORK; B) THAT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD NOT BE MAINTAINED IF IT PROVED A BARRIER TO OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS PARTICIPATING IN CCD; C) AGREEMENT WITH MAKING SECRETARIAT PREPARATION OF RECORD AND PRESENT COMMUNIQUE FORMAT PERMANENT; D) THAT HIS DEL PREFERRED PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUPS WITH SPECIFIC MANDATES.

10. BURMESE REP SAID THAT CO-CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD NOT
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BE AN OBSTACLE TO TWO OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS JOINING WORK OF CCD. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT POLITICAL WILL DRIVES ISSUES RATHER THAN INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

11. THIRD INFORMAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 3.CATTO

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